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## FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

## The Compromise Electoral Count Vote.

### ITS PROVISIONS EXPLAINED BY SENATOR EDMUNDS.

WASHINGTON, January 20, 1877.

**SENATE.**

**The Occupation of Petersburg.**

During the morning hour the message of the President in regard to the occupation of Petersburg by military on election day was discussed. Messrs. WITHERS and MORTON participated.

**Credentials of Senator Kellogg.**

Mr. MORTON presented the credentials of William Pitt Kellogg as United States Senator from Louisiana. He asked that they be read and laid on the table. So ordered. The credentials are signed by Stephen B. Packard, Governor of Louisiana.

**Woman Suffrage.**

Petition favoring woman suffrage were presented by half the Senate.

**Count of the Electoral Vote.**

At the expiration of the morning hour, on motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, the bill reported by the special committee in regard to the count of the electoral vote was taken up.

Mr. EDMUNDS said that as a fitting commencement to the consideration of this bill he would have read the twelfth article of the Constitution of the United States, which the bill proposed to execute.

That article having been read, Mr. EDMUNDS said under this article of the Constitution some eight or ten millions of citizens of the United States, authorized by the laws to elect a chief magistrate in the way prescribed in this article, had endeavored to discharge that duty. They had expressed their preference, and the contest was so close that it became a matter of serious dispute between five millions of people on one side and five millions of people on the other as to which of their candidates had been elected. Congress was now brought face to face with the question as to what means were left for deciding the dispute. A large part of the people on either side believed their candidate to have been honestly elected, and if kept out of office it would be a great constitutional wrong. If there was any duty greater than another devolving upon Congress it was that of providing some means by which (no matter what the result might be) all men might see the due course of law had been taken. It had appeared to the committee charged with the onerous and unpleasant duty of framing this bill that if the Constitution authorized them to lay down a line of procedure which should lead to any result through a calm, orderly administration of the law, it would be a benificent act for the republic. On the contrary, if Congress should fail to do this, our posterity under this or some other form of government (no one could say) would feel this Congress had failed in performing a great duty.

Mr. EDMUNDS then referred to the labors of the committee, and said that opposing political opinion, opposing political education and partisan feeling had subsided on both sides, and the measure upon which they solemnly united in reporting they recommend to the consideration of the Senate.

**The Tripartite Tribunal.**

He then explained the provision of the bill in regard to the first section. He said his own individual opinion was that where one return only had been received from a State, and it was objected to, it should be referred to the tribunal organized by the bill, instead of requiring an affirmative vote of the two Houses to reject it. The tribunal organized by the bill would be called upon to determine which of the two conflicting certificates coming from a State was in conformity with the Constitution, which the voice of the people expressed in the manner prescribed by the Constitution. The committee thought it best this tribunal should consist of fifteen members, five Senators, five Representatives and five Judges of the Supreme Court, as in this way it was enough to have every possible opinion and view represented, and at the same time have it so limited in numbers that it could be capable of prompt action. It was a delicate question as to which Judges should be members of the tribunal, so the committee thought to take four from various parts of the republic would be just. Then there was the odd number, and to guard against any suspicion in the minds of these ten million of people of the country, the committee said these four should choose the fifth from among their associates. He had never observed any criticism of the absolute fairness of this plan, providing they could get over the constitutional objections to it which these newspaper writers and politicians had discovered, and with which they were no doubt familiar. The bill also provided that the oldest Judge should be President of the tribunal, which would be the venerable Judge Clifford. When the oath prescribed for the members of the tribunal should be taken there would be no more partisanship, no more enemies, no more friends, but a solemn judgment of the Judge that the obligation when taken would dismiss from the minds of the Senators and Representatives every consideration which clouded their interests or warped their judgments. The tribunal was to decide upon what had taken place, and not what should take place. If there was any value in our civil institutions this was the last and final hope. There was nothing short of works of the Almighty which furnished a more just text of human rights than this bill. It held aloft the scales of justice. It gave nothing to either side. It provided that the tribunal might, in determining how many and what persons were duly appointed electors in a State, take into view petitions, depositions and other papers, if any, authorized by the Constitution and now existing law be competent and pertinent in such consideration. The tribunal must decide according to existing law. This would be

**A Strange Republic of Law**

if after, according to one law, the candidate of one party had been declared, Congress should make another law which would elect the candidate of the other party. The right of A or B to this great office must be determined by the law as it stood on the first Wednesday in December, when the electoral vote was cast in the several States. All this bill did was to prescribe the method and ascertain what was the law and fact at that time. It had been said this tribunal might go behind the returns from a State. If the two Houses of Congress had the power to do that thing the tribunal would also have such power. But if the two Houses of Congress had no right to overhaul the action of a sovereign State, then this tribunal would have no such rights. The committee agreed that this Presidential contest must be settled upon the principles and law that existed when it took place. Nothing could be more fair than leaving disputed questions to such tribunal. If they should be left to the two Houses of Congress, as was proposed in the bill which passed the Senate at the last session, the result would be to leave them with a majority of men who would go with the swift current of warm debate and warm feeling. This bill made no new law. It only created a commission to decide upon the old law.

**The Sixth Section.**

Mr. EDMUNDS read the sixth section of the bill, providing that nothing in the act shall be held to impair or affect any right now existing under the Constitution and laws to question by proceeding in the judicial courts of the United States the right or title of the person who shall be declared elected, or who shall claim to be President or Vice President of the United States, if any such right exists.

Commenting, he said the committee endeavored to be so careful that the right of no man should be injured, that it provided that after all this had been gone through with, and it had been declared that A or B was President of the United States, the other candidate might under the Constitution and laws test the question whether such President was the true or false one. His right to be so should not be prejudiced by the passage of this bill. It had been contended by some gentlemen that the Constitution committed the right of deciding who should be President of the United States to one or more persons or bodies. If that was true, it was fatal to this bill. He had no doubt all Senators could say if the Constitution did repose the power of deciding who should be President in the President of the Senate that they would not desire a better judge than the present occupant of the chair (Ferry), but if the Constitution had not reposed that power in the President of the Senate, no matter how learned and just the occupant of the chair might be, it would be an invasion of the rights of constitutional government to declare he had such power. The Constitution carefully enumerated every power of the judicial and executive authorities of the Government. If the framers of it designed to confer such power upon the President of the Senate, how unfortunate it was they did not say so, which might have been done by two words. It staggered human credulity to believe the framers of the Constitution had this designed to turn the President of the Senate into a judge on the most critical case which could befall the Republic, and should not have said so. If the power to open a certificate from a State implied the power to decide upon its contents when opened, then the President of the Senate had the power to declare who was President. But he (Edmunds) denied that the power to do one thing implied the power to do another. The Constitution declared Congress should have power to pass any law to carry into execution any power vested in any department of the Government. The Constitution left it to the lawmaking power to carry all these great forces into execution.

He then read from decisions of the Supreme Court to show that the bill was constitutional. The right to decide who was President did not rest with the President of the Senate; neither did it rest with Congress exclusively until a law should be passed to that effect. He denied emphatically that the President of the Senate had always opened and counted the electoral votes. For just forty years of the Government there never was an instance where an electoral certificate was drawn into the question. The bill did not take from the President of the Senate or from the House of Representatives any power which the Constitution had vested in them, and therefore was not unconstitutional.

In conclusion, he hoped the Senators would carefully consider whether it was wise by stimulating bodies in their own minds to send this republic, like the mountains which the poet spoke of, "tumbling into a sea without a shore," or whether in the fair course of equal law the dispute should be justly settled.

The Senate then went into executive session, and then adjourned till Monday.

**HOUSE.**

**The Electoral Count.**

Consideration was resumed of the resolutions reported from the committee on privileges relative to the powers of the House in counting the electoral vote, and Mr. WILLIS spoke at length.

At the end of Mr. Willis' speech the subject was postponed to allow the House to go into Committee of the Whole on the Indian appropriation bill, pending which Mr. PAYNE, chairman of the committee on electoral vote, gave notice that he would call up the bill reported from that committee on Tuesday next, the debate to continue until Wednesday evening, when he would call the previous question.

Without disposing of the bill the committee rose and the House adjourned.

## BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT.

**Suicide of Chief Engineer Collins, of the Lake Shore Railway.**

CLEVELAND, O., January 20.—The dead body of Chas. C[illegible], Engineer of the Lake Shor[illegible] way, was found [illegible] corner of Seneca [illegible] this city, about [illegible] Mr Brower, A[illegible] with a bullet hole [illegible] of his mouth thro[illegible] since Thursday. [illegible] was in the house d[illegible] family being at Ash[illegible] is evident that he ha[illegible] thirty-six hours when [illegible] body was somewhat [illegible] volver was found tigh[illegible] right hand, with three [illegible] although one shot had d[illegible] other revolver, loaded, [illegible] left side, together with [illegible] that he had determined s[illegible] one means or another, and [illegible] his body showed that all p[illegible] been made for the fatal shot.

Since the Ashtabula disast[illegible] quite melancholy, and there [illegible] no doubt but what he took [illegible] under the influence of an abe[illegible] He testified before the Ohio [illegible] Committee Wednesday afterno[illegible] ing unusual was discovered in [illegible] demeanor. It is stated that h[illegible] his resignation to Mr. Newell [illegible] Manager of the road, a few days a[illegible] was not accepted, remarking that [illegible] been connected with the railroad [illegible] for the past thirty years, and [illegible] his greatest aim to insure the safety of passengers traveling over the Lake Shore Railway, by keeping the bridges and tracks in perfect condition, and now since the accident he had been blamed for the falling of the Ashtabula bridge. The fact that no blame has ever been attached to Mr. Collins, as he had had nothing to do with the planning or erection of this bridge, would go to show that his mind was unsettled, and that the accident at Ashtabula continually preyed upon his mental faculties, he having wept like a child when he first witnessed the wreck of the fallen bridge. He was of that nervous temperament that he probably felt that he was looked upon as being in some way responsible for the falling of the bridge, when he was no doubt blameless in every respect. No other cause is known for the suicide.

## THE COMPROMISE BILL.

**Congressional Caucuses on the Subject—Senator Morton's Course Approved by Indiana Republicans.**

WASHINGTON, January 20.—The Republican members of the Senate had a caucus this morning on the joint committee's bill for counting the electoral votes. The bill is not to be made a subject of formal caucus action or dictation. There were very few speakers.

The Democratic Senators had a similar caucus. Nothing was said in opposition to the bill.

Senator Morton has received the following dispatch.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 19, 1877.

*Hon. Oliver P. Morton:*

At a caucus of Republican members of the Legislature to-night your course in withholding your consent from the compromise plan was unanimously approved. The opposition to it was decided and earnest. Speaker Overmyer presided.

(Signed) E. W. HALFORD.

WASHINGTON, January 21.—Prominent Democrats of the House, while favoring (the plan of the joint committee as a basis for the settlement of the electoral question, say that a member of their party will introduce an amendment before giving it their support. The amendment is in the direction of a judicial feature of the bill. The Democratic caucus to-morrow will further consult upon the subject, and probably arrive at a conclusion as to the course they will pursue. There are many more members of both parties who do not favor the bill in their unqualified approval than there are members who unconditionally approve it. All want the subject fully discussed before final action. The general impression is that both Houses will agree upon some plan for settling all questions connected with the electoral votes.

WASHINGTON, January 21.—Senator Morton will to-morrow deliver a speech in opposition to the joint committee's bill on the count of the electoral vote.

It is ascertained to-day that the President has said it is his intention to sign the bill providing for counting the electoral vote in case it passes both Houses of Congress.

**Mr. Wheeler Declines.**

NEW YORK, January 20.—W. A. Wheeler declines to express an opinion on the Compromise bill.

**The Black Hills.**

YANKTON, D. T., January 20.—An informal joint session of the two Houses of the Dakota Legislature was held this afternoon to listen to an address made by parties representing the interests of the people in the Black Hills concerning their resources, interests and wants. Prof. Henckle presented an accurate map of the entire mining region, made from actual surveys, and showing the location of all the chief claims, accompanied with statistics as to their richness. General Dawson, the revenue officer located there, and Dr. W. C. Meyer, publisher of a newspaper, also made addresses. The latter is on his way to Washington to urge legislation there. The statements were all unqualified as to the richness in mineral wealth, quality of soil and extent of the timber.

## THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

### The Investigations at Washington.

### Testimony About Chandler's Campaign Dispatches.

### Members of the Louisiana Returning Board Examined.

### NICHOLLS' GOVERNMENT AFTER THE STATE TAXES.

**THE INVESTIGATIONS.**

**Looking Into the Conduct of the Election Campaign.**

WASHINGTON, January 20.—Before the committee on the powers, privileges and duties of the House, Oswin D. Roberts, cashier of the Second National Bank of New York, exhibited two certificates of deposit by Z. Chandler, one for $3,000 and the other for $2,000. They were made payable on his own order on the return of the certificates. The endorsement read "Pay S. B. Packard or order. Z. Chandler."

G. W. Patridge, private secretary of Z. Chandler, in reply to a question by Representative Field, produced copies of letters, which were privately examined by the committee. Two of the letters were read and put in evidence. They were written by J. B. Stockton at New Orleans, November 11, and were to the effect that if steps were taken immediately, the affidavits of ten or twelve thousand Republican voters could be obtained showing that they were deprived of the exercise of the ballot by violence and intimidation. The writer was chief Deputy Marshal. He says: "If you could send a trusty person here with funds, or authorize some one to draw for such sum as may be needed to have proper testimony taken throughout the bull-dozed parishes, such testimony could be piled up of fraud and outrages so damnable as to preclude the possibility of any President taking his seat who was elected by such frauds." The other letter was dated Greensboro, November 29, and was from T. B. Keogh, in which he says, addressing Zach. Chandler, that he had done what he could towards getting up evidence of illegal voting in North Carolina, and that a fair count would show the election of the Republican ticket. He was so crippled in means that he could not afford to furnish the means of establishing fraud.

Several other letters on the political situation were read. One was as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22, 1877.

*John T. Cramer, Thomasville, N.C.:*

DEAR SIR—Your favor of the 15th has been received, and contents noted. What you state in relation to North Carolina and other Southern States I fully believe to be entirely correct. It would have been a great national calamity to the South as well as the North had Tilden succeeded in getting himself elected President. No man who countenances and uses the means he has to promote his own election should ever be intrusted with such great and responsible trusts as are given to the Chief Executive of this nation. Such unscrupulous turbulent Tilden Democracy gets down and accepts the situation the better for the country.

Very truly yours,

Z. CHANDLER, Chairman.

The telegrams sent from Detroit received by Z. Chandler were destroyed; did not think there was anything in them about furnishing money or troops.

Thos. C. Joynder, telegraph operator at Franklin, N. C., remembered hearing messages going through. So far as he could remember they were signed "Chandler" and addressed "Thos. B. Keogh," and were to the effect, "Wire me how Hayes elected, but if not your State," and "Wire State."

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Four Packard Metropolitans heretofore concealed in the Supreme Court building, and evidently a party of observation, were detected on Saturday night, and at 2 this (Sunday) morning the building was reinforced by Col. Augur's battalion of militia. The men, it is said, confessed that their instructions were to take advantage of an unguarded moment to recapture the building.

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At a conference of Republican leaders held to-night all differences of opinion were amicably adjusted, and it is thought prominent party men, both here and in Washington, will henceforth work harmoniously together.

Four Packard Metropolitans heretofore concealed in the Supreme Court building, and evidently a party of observation, were detected on Saturday night, and at 2 this (Sunday) morning the building was reinforced by Col. Augur's battalion of militia. The men, it is said, confessed that their instructions were to take advantage of an unguarded moment to recapture the building.

## THE PRESIDENCY.

### Opinions Concerning the Compromise Plan.

(From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

**An Unconstitutional Device.**

We are not disposed to find fault with the plan of counting the vote adopted by the Conference Committee, but it is no little humiliation, after the worship which has been lavished upon the Constitution, to find that we are compelled, in a very ordinary emergency, to resort to a device which has no savor of constitutionality about it. As far as the Constitution provides for counting the electoral vote, it provides that this shall be done without any assistance or intervention of the Supreme Court. This objection, however, is only on the question of form, and we have always insisted that the Constitution was a total blank as far as regarded any provision for settling disputes between the two Houses. If both Houses are willing to renounce that right, on which each has insisted, of a separate veto on the counting of any vote, by agreeing to give the casting vote to the Supreme Court, we believe that the country would acquiesce in it. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine any way out of the difficulty except by making concessions, and by agreeing to admit the votes of a tribunal which has the advantage over either House of Congress that its decisions can not be known beforehand.

(From the Philadelphia Public Record.)

**Measure of Patriotism.**

It seems to us a further measure of patriotism and of peace—a measure designed to thwart, and to incapable of thwarting, if consummated, the mad purpose of selfish partisans to substitute force for fairness, and to let angry passion instead of calm reason rule the hour.

(From the Richmond Whig.)

**Insures a Fair Count.**

It will probably insure a peaceable result, and, what is of greater importance, a fair count. We cannot dogmatically assume that we are right and our enemies wrong about everything, and that the Senate and House are wrong in the action of the House. That the law is not absolutely clear is manifest from the fact that we differ amongst ourselves as to its construction. Under such circumstances we are prepared to accept of the selection of patriots for the joint committee in suggesting the plan proposed.

(From the Albany Evening Journal.)

**"The Creature of Congress."**

The plan of the Joint Committee for counting the electoral vote is entitled to the candid and considerate judgment of the [illegible] motive is excellent; its purpose [illegible] such as are inherent in an [illegible] makeshift for a special emergency. It is undoubtedly inspired by an earnest patriotic desire to bridge over [illegible] difficulty, and to reach a practicable solution of an unfortunate [illegible]. But, beyond all this, it involves an assertion of power [illegible] Congress which is without constitution. The commission which [illegible] is the mere creature of Congress, [illegible] derives all its authority from [illegible]. Whatever power it possesses [illegible] is derived to the appointees of [illegible] Congress, and [illegible] the right on the part of Congress itself up as a returning board, [illegible] authority to override the lawful action [illegible]. Such an agreement may be [illegible] but it involves a dangerous assumption, [illegible] ought to be well considered.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

**Better than Civil War.**

[illegible] not a perfect scheme, but it is better [illegible] civil war; better than the Mexican [illegible] of duplicate Governments; better than [illegible] inauguration of the strife; and acceptable [illegible] only as determining the Presidential [illegible], but as settling the threatened violence [illegible] Louisiana and South Carolina. The [illegible] is not such as could undertake hostilities [illegible] submission of conflicting opinions to as [illegible] tribunal as perhaps can be constituted at this time and on the very eve of the day [illegible] counting. We think that when Edmunds, Conkling, Frelinghuysen, Hoar, Willard and Crary unite with an equal number of Democrats in recommending this measure as one to secure a peaceful solution of the vexed question, that they are perfectly competent to ask what were in these papers.

The committee overruled Mr. Lawrence's objection. Yeas—Lawrence and McDill. Nays—Field, Marsh, Tucker and Knott.

The witness had no recollection whether the record he refused to produce showed the whole number of votes cast in Louisiana, and could not recollect that he knew a single man who voted contrary to his wishes because of intimidation.

Representative Field remarked that witness was refusing to answer categorical questions, and he would move to make the witness answer in the House.

General Anderson, a member of the Returning Board, testified that there was no objection to Dr. Kennedy becoming a member of the board because he was not a gentleman, but because the members did not approve of his appointment. Witness favored supplying the vacancy, and spoke to several persons about taking the place. Two-thirds of the votes thrown out were for the Tilden electors. A great many affidavits charging intimidation and fraud were sworn to in New Orleans, but the majority were sworn to outside that city.

Witness was asked: Do you mean to say that in every instance where the vote was rejected the return, when you obtained possession of it, contained either a statement of the suspension of the election, that there had been intimidation, or an affidavit to that effect?

A.—Yes, where there had been intimidation or fraud, or some illegal practice. These statements and affidavits he believed were in the hands of the Secretary of State of Louisiana. He thought the Kellogg electors had received 75,000 and the McEnery electors 71,000 votes. The Returning Board filed the result of the canvass on the 5th of December, kept the papers until the 5th of January, the board having in the meantime to canvass the vote for State officers and members of Congress.

The committee adjourned till Monday.

**LOUISIANA.**

**The Political Muddle.**

NEW ORLEANS, January 20.—In obedience to the orders of Gen. Augur, the State Librarian, who was deposed yesterday by the appointee of Nicholls' Secretary of State, was to-day reinstated by the Nicholls authorities.

L. J. Baron, of Natchitoches parish, left the Republican House to-day, and was sworn in and seated in the Democratic House.

**The President Interviewed.**

WASHINGTON, January 21.—The Republican members of Congress from Louisiana, who yesterday called upon the President and had a conversation with him about Louisiana affairs, express themselves perfectly satisfied with the result of their interview, the President having indicated no change in politics regarding the two State Governments.

**Tax Collectors Enjoined.**

Information has been received here that the Nicholls Government of Louisiana, through Judge Houston, has enjoined the old Kellogg State tax collectors from turning over their moneys to the Kellogg State collector, Johnson, who was returned elected. These collectors are now in New Orleans for the purpose of making their final returns from their several parishes.

General Augur having yesterday reinstated the old State librarian, removed by Nicholls, it is believed by Louisiana Republicans in Washington that the proper maintenance of the status quo will require interposition by the national authority in the collector case as well as in that of the librarian. The moneys are required to subsist the charity hospital, the public schools and the administration of the State. Marshal Pitkin has just presented the matter to the President, and urged that to maintain both the status quo and to conserve these public moneys from being squandered according to the prima facie returns, and have afforded no opportunity to go behind those returns. And Republicans would have been expected to submit, and would have submitted. We do not insist upon going so far as this. We would be willing to furnish an opportunity to test the legality of the returns before the proper tribunal in a regular way; but the plan proposed by the joint committee seems such an unnecessary yielding of a fair advantage, such a seeming submission to the idle and revolutionary threats of a beaten party, that we cannot approve it.

(From the Providence Journal.)

**Business Men Satisfied.**

The bill will satisfy the business if not the political sentiment of the country; if it is endangered, certainly if it is defeated by the Democrats, the people without much distinction of party will hold them to a strict account therefor.

(From the New York Com. Advertiser.)

**Will not Help Business.**

"Give us anything that will speedily adjust the unsettled Presidential issue," is the cry of the business community. It is not a constitutional question or a question of principle with the monetary interests of the country, but a question of self-interest. This same interest made itself felt through the country some twenty five years ago as "Union Savers." The "Compromise Measures," one of which forced every man in the community to become a slave catcher, were earnestly and eloquently indorsed by "commerce and finance," as the only panacea to save the Union. History records the mercenary humiliation of this interest to nigger-drivers, cotton, tobacco, and gunny bags. History records as well that, for ten years before the South made war on the Union, this very interest universally urged on Congress "compromises" to conciliate the bulldozers of the slave States. The world knows the result of the humiliating "compromises." The efforts to compromise will not bring peace to the country, nor will the Compromise bill for settling the Presidential dispute harmonize the contending elements and restore confidence, and set the wheels of trade and commerce in motion.

**What Beecher Says.**

Henry Ward Beecher says: "I am disinclined to it and think the power lies in the President of the Senate. That course, in my opinion, is sufficiently simple and a great deal safer. A change of the kind proposed is a step in the dark, and is liable to develop a very essential change in the character of the elections. We greatly doubt if it should be put in practice if it would satisfy either party more than the count by the Vice President. I regard the framers of the Constitution as having debated thoroughly on both sides the propriety of allowing Congress to be the judge of the Presidential elections by the States. They foresaw the prejudice and danger, and rejected it emphatically. We may get over the present danger by this expedient only to find ourselves in yet greater peril. It is one step toward consolidation of the Federal Government. I am jealous of State rights, though I do not believe in State sovereignty."

## FOREIGN NEWS.

### The Plenipotentiaries to the Peace Conference Going Home.

### Turkey Advised Not to Persecute Christians.

**THE WAR CLOUD.**

**Turkish Counter Proposals.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 20.—The Grand Vizier was summoned to the palace yesterday. The Ottoman plenipotentiaries will present counter proposals to the conference, with the object of conciliation.

MOSCOW, January 20.—The *Gazette*, discussing the result of the conference, considers Europe has lowered her prestige by her evasionant answer. As the Porte has refused the proposals, Europe must now enforce her original demands, instead of the modified scheme of the conference.

**The Peace Conference Ended.**

LONDON, January 20.—Safvet Pasha opened the peace meeting at to-day's sitting of the conference by reading a note stating that the Porte might come to an understanding with the powers on certain points of detail, but passing over in silence the proposal relative to the appointment of Governors, and instead of an international commission, proposing a local elective commission presided over by an Ottoman functionary. Finally, Safvet suggested that a settlement of the questions relating to Servia and Montenegro be reserved for ulterior decision. Thereupon Lord Salisbury declared that the Porte having refused the local guarantees demanded by the powers

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DEMOCRATIC New York proves to be dangerously in debt, the amount of the city's indebtedness reported to the Legislature aggregating $145,000,000, or about one-ninth of the total valuation of the city. The increase has been steadily continued for the last ten years, and the question is now how to get rid of it.

THE telegrams, Returning Board papers and about everything else needed are to be given up to the Congressional committees, and we shall soon know what the revealments are. Of course both parties will go through the telegraphic records of the canvass for what they may discover. If rumor is reliable, some interesting developments may be looked for.

PHILADELPHIA is fully embarked in her Mayoralty canvass. The present Mayor, Mr. STOKELY, is the Republican candidate, and the Democrats are trying to develop what in this city is usually called a citizens' movement. Mr. CHAVEN is the candidate proposed, and they are just now arranging to bring him out in good style. It is not thought that there will be any serious difficulty in re-electing STOKELY.

THE impression is somewhat prevalent that Turkey did not come out of the conference with diminished honors; but, on the contrary, holding a stronger moral position than ever before. She is the representative of the permanency of treaty rights, and so stands among the advocates of the sanctity of agreements. She may be forced into war, and her armies beaten, but diplomatically she has come out the best.

SENATOR WALLACE delayed sending his orders to the *Post* as to what position it should take on the electoral bill, and it was at sea, in consequence. Its outside editor had the ungracious duty of endeavoring to make his readers believe that he was saying something, and at the same time preserving a strictly non-committal attitude. WALLACE must be more prompt hereafter. We will be compelled to remind him of his duty in the premises.

WHATEVER of merit or demerit may attach to the bill sent from this city to Mr. SPANG, a Democratic member from Bedford county, to exempt all suburban property used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, it ought to have been sent to one of our own members, and to have been openly and fairly developed. We simply inform such of our readers as are interested in the subject that such a bill is pending in committee, of the Legislature, at Harrisburg. Judge SUTTON is said to be its author.

AMONG the professionals opinions seem to be equally divided as to the power of Congress to appoint a commission to settle electoral differences, and as to the expediency of the same. The division line is generally that of politics. We entertain no doubt that the commercial and monied classes, who have been alarmed and worried at the confusion and turmoil, prefer anything to farther agitation. It is not, with them, a question of principle, so much as of business. Still, we will soon be at the bottom of the question.

THE ceremonies attending the proclamation of Queen VICTORIA as Empress of India, at Delhi, aside from the military display, were tame, rather than imposing. The proclamation was merely Queen VICTORIA's announcement, published in the London *Gazette* last August, of her assumption of the title of Empress of India. After this another functionary read a translation of the document. Then followed a flourish of trumpets, the elevation of the Royal standard, and its salutation by the troops, closing with one hundred and one artillery salvos, a rattling of *feu de joie*, thrice repeated from the infantry troops, a short oration by the Viceroy (explaining why VICTORIA has taken the Imperial title in India), and a good deal of lively military music. Not at Delhi only, but also in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and other great cities, was the proclamation made. There will be a large increase of members of the Order of the Star of India, which was established to compliment high and mighty persons in Hindostan, and an order of knighthood, to be called the Order of the Indian Empire, is to be instituted forthwith, in addition to the orders of the Garter, the Thistle, St. Patrick, the Bath, St. Michael and St. George, and the Star of India. So closes a rather singular pageant. It answered, however, for a formal announcement of the realization of the Queen's ambition.

APROPOS of the Democratic denial of the correctness of the return of the Louisiana Returning Board is the report of Mr. DITTY, of Maryland, who went to New Orleans to join in inspecting the count. This gentleman was a Democrat till 1875, and a Confederate. He shows that the Louisiana election law was passed with the concurrence of both parties, and that the necessity for it was recognized by both; that he believed the Returning Board discharged its duties faithfully and honestly, under the provisions of the law, and that the evidence was clearly in favor of its action. In giving the grounds of his belief in the justness of the decisions of the board, he shows that large numbers of negroes have moved into Louisiana from Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas, whence they were driven out by the shot-gun policy, while many whites have moved out of the State, thus leaving it strongly Republican. He strengthens this affirmation by furnishing statistics of population which go to show that, even in a reasonably fair election, after making allowance for the milder form of intimidation and for legitimate persuasion, the State even then would have gone Republican by 15,000 or 20,000 majority. The Democratic argument that the negroes have been converted to Democracy he treats as too absurd for serious notice. Upon this point he says: "The colored voters of Louisiana, and I might say of the South, have not been converted, but, on the contrary, except in very rare instances, remain as firmly Republican as ever under the powerful influences of gratitude and fear, for the majority fully believe that the return to power of the Democrats means their re-enslavement." This testimony is from as unprejudiced a person as could probably have been selected; and it is important as showing the utter worthlessness of the Democratic howl.

THE press of the country, except such as directly in the bondholders' interest, are decided in their expressions against any attempt to prevent the passage of the silver bill in the Senate by substituting another bill in its place. Says one journal, referring to Senator SHERMAN'S effort to postpone the House bill: "If ad the House bill been hampered with details about the desirability of which there might be a reasonable difference of opinion, this postponement might be excused; but, as the bill merely restores the old silver dollar where it was—that is making it co-equal with the gold dollar—without prescribing the extent to which it shall be coined or giving it any uses it did not originally enjoy, there can be no reason in further delay, unless it be a desire to pander to the special interests of a favored class of bondholders. Unless Mr. JOHN SHERMAN wishes to place himself in the attitude of a leader in the bondholders' interests, and commit himself to their payment in a more exclusive and temporarily more valuable currency than they agreed to take, he will abandon his purpose of retarding the passage of the bill, and also of reporting a substitute that does not meet the popular demand. It is senseless to await the report of the Silver Commission, which is now understood to be considering merely the question of international agreement upon a silver standard." We fully coincide with this. There is not enough difference between Senator SHERMAN'S bill and the one pending to occasion any hesitation in passing the House bill.

### *THE GIVE-UP.*

The more the new electoral bill is considered, the worse it appears. A more complete and absolute let-down on the Republican side cannot be imagined. It embodies a complete surrender to the Democracy of precedent, principle, and advantage, and from having no hope whatever of the Presidency, it gives the Democracy the advantage of position. This may be clearly seen when the following facts are considered: 1. Whatever claims the House may have urged for effect, there can be no doubt that the precedents were utterly against either House by itself preventing the count of the vote of a State when the credentials were regular. This rule settled beyond dispute the count of Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana for HAYES. Oregon, which may be called exceptional, had already been practically given up, it being in proof that the Republican electors had a majority of the votes, and GROVER'S action, besides being associated with bribery, being against the precedents established by both parties in other States. Thus this precedent is for HAYES. 2. There can be no ultimate dispute that where the two Houses, voting separately fail to agree as to the counting of the vote, the President of the Senate had the power to decide the question at issue. So much is clearly established by precedent. A Democratic President of the Senate exercised this power, and so that party of all others, cannot deny it. In these two things is the dec[illegible] case that may ari[illegible]

The weakness t[illegible] the circumstances, [illegible] It has been the polic[illegible] to utter violent thre[illegible] deeds for effect, but it[illegible] admitted by them, tha[illegible] hope to hold their [illegible] Republicans were fir[illegible] care for principle, or [illegible] tion, it is absurd to [illegible] of the old tenets of [illegible] was the inviolability of the[illegible] they openly violated that[illegible] but a few days since, by order[illegible] rest of the Louisiana Returnin[illegible] Thus, careless of precedent or c[illegible] tency, they have been and are a[illegible] one point—the capture, by fair m[illegible] of the Presidency. In an emer[illegible] like that, to put aside the Constitu[illegible] gratify them is to Mexicanize the Gov[illegible] ment completely. It is not entirely s[illegible] prising that two or three Republicans [illegible] the committee yielded to the temptatio[illegible] but it will be surprising if the affair [illegible] works through. The Republican party wants peace, but it believes in the scriptural rule—"First just, then peaceable." It will not be likely to forget, when its rights are betrayed, whether this should be done directly or indirectly.

### *THE "PLAN."*

In the brief time the electoral bill has been before the country, it has developed that it is entirely unacceptable to thinking people, who are not governed by special interests. Its rejection is on the score of principle, and not of expediency. It is not by any means clear, that the result, under the plan would not be the election of HAYES; but the feeling among honest Republicans is, that his election is not desired by unconstitutional means. Hence it is proposed to retain Constitutional methods,—or at least to oppose those that are absolutely unconstitutional. The Democratic papers have cautiously received the decision, realizing that it might spoil their good fortune to be too jubilant. The Republican press is of one accord in denouncing the plan, as a complete surrender to the Democrats. The leading lawyers of the country, including WILLIAM M. EVARTS, are decidedly of the opinion that the plan is decidedly unconstitutional. What, then, shall follow? Senator EDMUNDS proposes to push the bill to a passage, if possible, and will make an argument on its constitutionality. CONKLING will follow in the same line, his health being sufficiently restored for him to make an argument, just now. MORTON will stand against them, and will sturdily support the prevailing Republican view, that the plan is unconstitutional. It is doubtful if it will pass the Senate, and if it does it will be by a very small majority, and we regard it as reasonably certain that President GRANT will veto it. So the "plan" has little chance of ever becoming a law.

We have no disposition to give voice to the suspicions that have been expressed, touching the reasons that may have actuated the Republican portion of the committee in yielding so much to the Democracy. There are those who have not been included in these unfavorable rumors who yet signed the report. How they could have been so blinded is passing strange. The Democratic attempt to show that they have made concessions is a blank failure. It has been declared that they believe TILDEN elected, and by agreeing to to this plan put his election in jeopardy. We doubt whether there is an honest minded Democrat, who has been at the pains to carefully study the law and facts, who believes for a single moment that TILDEN was honestly elected. Hence any concessions under the pretence put forth, are mere blinds. They have claimed that the House has the right by its objection, to throw certain States out of the count; and this that they have conceded. As they have not a syllable in law, or a single fact as a precedent to sustain this view, it may be set down that it too is made for effect. They claim that at all events Oregon gives them the vote needed, and that this plan endangers that." Such is not the fact. They have nothing upon which to base a solid claim to CRONIN'S vote. All the precedents are against them and this excuse amounts to nothing. They therefore surrender no principle, and yield no right that has ever been recognized. They shrewdly make a pretence of dissatisfaction; but we venture that when the issue comes these yielding patriots will vote for the plan.

What then of the Republican side? It has surrendered every point, and gone over into the enemy's camp on every principle contained in this question. 1. The plan contains a rule which, while it goes back of the face of the returns, to determine their validity, does so only in cases affecting the Republican candidates. The reference of the double returns to the Court of Arbitration, involves the principle of going back of the face of the returns, to ascertain their validity. And this must be done by ascertaining which received the honest, fair, unintimidated vote of the people. Except in the fraudulent case of Oregon, every Republican return from the contested States is *prima facie* regular; and as such have the same right to stand as those of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and other States, where gross intimidation has been proven. Yet when once the authority is claimed to go behind the returns, a fair application of the principle requires the right to go behind *all* returns. This is not allowed under the plan; but only those returns which come from Republican States are allowed to be investigated. The outrageous unfairness of this concession is palpable. If there was any principle involved in not going behind the face of returns, it applied as well in one case as the other. If there was no principle involved, common fairness required the equal application of the rule.

2. The surrender of the control over decisions by the President of the Senate was a concession which we believe the Senate has no right to make. Even the language of the Constitution admits the inference that the President of the Senate shall make the count. He opens the certificates, and they shall be counted,—what? Why the certificates he opens. That he is required, under this, to open every package that comes, purporting to be certificates does not follow. But assume that this shall be done,—what then? All the precedents show that the President of the Senate has the ultimate right of decision. Even were it submitted to the joint assembly which of the two returns should be accepted, they would not, as matters now are, agree in their decision; and this of itself would throw the decision on the President of the Senate. Yet under the plan all this is surrendered. 3. The Democracy are even given an undue advantage in the selection from the Supreme Court. There are three Democrats and six Republicans in that body. Yet two Democrats and two Republicans are singled out to be so much of the court, and the fifth is to be selected in some undefined way. It is rumored that Chief Justice WAITE refuses to serve, were he within the scope of choice. Thus they have the lion's share in that direction.

All else aside, the central fact in this entire controversy is, that under the Constitution and precedents, TILDEN had no prospects whatever of the Presidency. It was simply the right of Republicans to stand right there. Had the Democrats possessed their advantage they would not have yielded an inch. As it is, the committee so far yielded as to ignore the Constitution, and adopt a plan totally revolutionary, giving to one man, yet to be indicated the power to set aside the choice of the people. It is simply a gross outrage, and should be defeated.

### *OLE BULL'S HYMENEAL JOYS.*

[illegible] sistence, returning [illegible] Norseboy on their return last fall from Norway, whither Mrs. Bull had gone during the summer for the express purpose of bringing back her recreant lord, whose arrival proves a signal for all the old, and some new, stories to be raked up.

It will be remembered that they were twice married, whether on account of the gentleman's having gone through the process so many times before that it required an unusual amount of tying up to give a realizing sense of the situation (he has been married four times), or because, their first marriage taking place in Norway, they felt bound to repeat the performance for the satisfaction of their friends here, is not known.

The second ceremony was rendered particularly impressive by Mrs. Thorpe, who quietly, but emphatically, assumed the role of mother-in-law by interrupting the minister just before the ceremony was concluded.

"Hold up there!" exclaimed Mrs. Thorpe, and the minister "held up." "I want them pronounced wife and man," said Mrs. T., decidedly, "and not man and wife."

"But, my dear madam," said the embarrassed clergyman, "such is not the custom, and——"

"That for the custom!" exclaimed the mother-in-law, snapping her fingers; "it's got to be done."

The minister stammered a moment more, and then, remarking that he supposed it made no difference, obeyed the order given him, and to the great satisfaction of the triumphant Mrs. Thorpe, the couple were proclaimed

"WIFE AND MAN."

Being married, of course, involved a wedding trip. They therefore tripped it, and returned in a short space of time to give a grand reception, which in gorgeousness, glitter, and gayety has never been surpassed here.

All the 600, in their best rags, and jags, and some in velvet gowns, were there, and the flowers, lights, wedding presents, and a conglomeration of refreshments, reporters, plate, colored waiters, bands of music, and sprinkling of guests from Chicago, gave added tone to the recherche entertainment.

About the rooms, in

ROYAL ROBES OF PURPLE VELVET,

relieved with costly lace, decked with diamonds and cameos (the ornaments of a meek and quiet spirit), her monarchial head adorned with a purple plume, sailed the stately skeleton of the feast, Mrs. Thorpe, and following in her wake, dressed with half the elegancy, her daughter, whose slight figure was clad in white silk, relieved by ambride-like pink, her only jewelry a pin of the prince's-feather shape, composed of large translucent pearls.

The hero of the occasion, Ole Bull, who could put his father-in-law or father-in-law's father on the head without showing any disrespect for superior age, graced at the assemblage with a "monarch-of-all-I-survey" air extremely aggravating. The other gentlemen of the family, subordinate as ever, dressed quietly in black, sat in very quiet corners in a very quiet way. The guests danced to the music, drank the Roman punch, devoured the refreshments, discussed their entertainers, and when they departed couldn't they talk! Among other insinuations that ran rife at the tea parties of solitary spinsters and church sociables was one to the effect that previous to the wedding Mrs. Thorpe, of Spiritualistic tendencies, was so anxious to have Ole Bull in the family in some capacity, that she thought of spiritualizing Mr. T., as she would a cimex lectularis, in order that she might be at liberty to gather the prize to herself if her daughter couldn't succeed, but Thorpe the elder "smelt (insect) powder and flew away" for a time, and so she boldly took the Bull by the horns, and finally succeeded in matrimonially yoking him to "Sara." The latter shut her eyes to the man, and married the musician, to have them speedily opened, as was claimed, by a succession of small tyrannies that roused the indignation of her friends and brought the justly deserved wrath of a mother-in-law upon his head, who had now found that to get

A WHITE ELEPHANT INTO THE FAMILY

was one thing, and to manage him afterward another. But Mrs. T. was equal to the emergency, and soon made Ole vow that next time he would follow Adam's example and marry a lone orphan.

Finally the atmosphere became so warm, and family discord grated so harshly on his susceptible ear, that he fled to his ancestral domains in Norway and left his wife behind him, subject to the commands of her maternal parent. After a time he sent for her to come to him with her infant daughter; but down came the despotic foot of Grandma Thorpe to flatten out the project. "Sara might go if she were silly enough;" but the ocean should never roll between her and her "little pet lamb" (pet Bull, she meant), and if Sara went she would go to. But at last

SARA WENT ALONE,

and from that time up to the present that unhappy young woman has been pendulating between the two countries, importing her husband once in a while to remind the world she is not a "grass widow." In appearance Mrs. Bull is of medium height, very slight, with dark hair and eyes, and rather pale, neither pretty or stylish, but very refined, well educated, and an excellent pianiste, proficient in French and Norwegian, and now engaged in translating a work from the latter language. Her greatest charm is a very sweet voice in speaking, and manners that disarm her enemies and make her many warm friends.

Her maternal parent, in her looks, is more striking than lovely, nut-brown hair, light eyes, and strongly marked features. She possesses an indomitable will and self-satisfaction, not always charming to contemplate or come in contact with. Especially in the late Centennial movement, when a favorite little trick with her was to nominate a "chairwoman," and when the motion was seconded, to calmly place a chair directly in front of the newly-made officer, seat herself in it, and bulldoze the business by remarking: "Ladies, the first thing to be discussed is," etc.

During his present visit to this country, Ole Bull has spent most of the time with his wife, in Boston, where he has many intimate friends, among them Longfellow, with whom they spent Christmas. Their next move will be to come here, where they expect to spend the remainder of the winter.

"Baby Bull," as she is yet called, is a bright, rosy-faced little thing, with a striking resemblance in feature to her respected papa. "TIBET."

### *NEWS OF THE DAY.*

—The colossal nuisance of the hour—Constitutional expounders.

—Watterson is said to be one of the best dressed men in the House.

—Eugenie, the ex-Empress of France, is called "the Widow Bonaparte."

—Only 253 divorces in San Francisco last year. What a golden field for lawyers!

—Everybody is predicting an "early spring." A good many have experienced "late falls."

—The chromo has broken out in England. Popular publications are the first to be affected.

—Is it not about time for the growers to announce that the peach crop for '77 has been nipped by the frost?

—The present is the youngest Legislature ever assembled in Georgia, there being six members under twenty-six years of age.

—A Kentuckian has invented an air compresser, and by its use a member of the Legislature can be choked off in the middle of his speech.

—The *Republican*, of New Orleans, truthfully remarks about affairs in Louisiana that "we have had too much shotgun and too little law."

—Judge Clifford of the Supreme Court of Alabama, is more than seventy years old, yet he refuses to retire from office, though he could r[illegible] so on full pay.

—[illegible] hogs are moving briskly to [illegible] market," says a commercial [illegible] how poetical license blooms [illegible] the most prosaic kinds of life's

[illegible]klyn bridge is getting to be [illegible]." Many millions have al[illegible]ent on its construction, and [illegible]t imagine how many more it [illegible] it.

[illegible] papers entreat Mr. San[illegible]bbit his twelve-year-old son [illegible]ry there. Their experience [illegible]l actresses teaches them to [illegible]ocious revivalists.

[illegible]ery Blair talks sensibly in [illegible]n Union. He says: "We [illegible]ention of thousands of armed [illegible]men to meet in Washington [illegible]. So, there now, Watter[illegible]

[illegible]n I.," says an exchange, [illegible]se persons with Roman noses [illegible] Tilden must have chosen [illegible]s same reason. The latter's [illegible] Rum'un type,-as everybody

[illegible] Anderson, of Rochester [illegible]inks that injudicious outdoor [illegible] great cause of pauperism [illegible]d declares that in giving, [illegible]t not get the better of the head.

—Mrs. Chandler's Parisian toilet was as singular as it was elegant. Over cream-tinted silk were draperies and garniture of the same shade of Chinese *crepe* embroidered in colors, representing birds, insects, grasses and flowers.

—Perhaps it may be some comfort to our numerous readers in Servia and Bulgaria to know that 600,000 Winchester-Haven-made cartridges which the Turks are preparing to shoot at them, were mostly made by fair female hands.

—Secretary Cameron is going to marry Mrs. Shunk, the widowed daughter of Judge Jeremiah S. Black. She is forty years old, handsome, clever and accomplished. Her first husband was the son of the old Dutch Governor of Pennsylvania.

—The most furious war journal in Indiana has been sold out by the sheriff. Possibly the editor was one of those sanguine reformers who was so sure Tilden would be elected, and would make him postmaster, that he spent half of his prospective salary in advance.

—There are 540 monasteries and convents in Russia, with an annual income of nearly seven million dollars, the average cost of maintaining a nun or monk being one hundred and ten dollars. The revenue of the ecclesiastical corporations of Quebec is probably larger than this sum.

—Cronin, Grover's satellite, has another name; this time the Milwaukee *Sentinel* gives it to him. It says that "Cronin, the man with the carmal red nose, started for a tour to Wisconsin yesterday. So that nose accounts for the report of a brilliant meteor which came from Kenosha and Racine last night."

—Miss Lotta, the mischievous young actress, touched her shock of hair to a gas burner in a New York theatre Saturday afternoon, and instantly had an aureole of flame about her head. The fire was put out, but the hair was burned to a crisp, and the young woman hereafter is to be obliged to use wigs for a number of months.

—Man cannot be too careful in appearances. A hair from a horse's mane, which has accidentally caught on his coat may cause a slight feeling of suspicion, but when a hairpin is found fastened into his coat collar along with it, he can scarcely escape blowing up by saying it was used to fasten his horse's bridle.—*Oil City Derrick.*

—Dom Pedro gave a donkey driver at Cairo a guinea, and was roundly abused for his pains. The man had never seen gold before, and he demanded a silver piastre. A crowd gathered around, and the Emperor was near being mobbed, until a waiter one of the drivers explained the nature of the bounty.

—When a young man who waited half an hour at the church door to see her home, and is in the act of bending his arm to take her off, finds his foot slip on the hard top step and reaches the bottom of the flight without employing his feet, he goes home in search of a plaster, and lies down with a feeling that romance and sentiment are rather more unpalatable than sawing wood.—*N. Y. Bulletin.*

—It turns out that Commodore Vanderbilt, though in comfortable circumstances, was not so rich as he was supposed to be. It seems, after all, that he was worth but $75,000,000, including his clothes, which is some $25,000,000 less that the sum at which his fortune was generally estimated. A fearful shrinkage certainly. Take twenty-five millions from the fortune of almost any of the rest of us, and we would scarcely have enough left to build a narrow gauge railroad.

—J. H. Caxton is an American residing in Italy who esteems so highly the women of his native land that he defends them against foreign traducers evenin "the Court of Honor." An Italian lately ventured to question in his presence the average virtue of American women. Caxton knocked the man known. He rose, and was knocked down again. He challenged Caxton, and was shot through the shoulder, since which time nothing more has been heard of him.

Commenting on the affair, the Springfield *Republican* justly says: "The first moral is plainly for the benefit of Italians and vulgar foreigners generally; the secondary one is for thoughtless American women abroad."

—When the late James W. Nye was a Democrat he was very intimate with John Van Buren, and when he changed his politics his relations with Governor Seward were of the same character. In a political address which he delivered at Oswego, somebody interrupted him by saying: "You are Seward's bottle-holder." "Well," said Nye, "they used to say I was John Van Buren's bottle-holder; but my duties are lighter now. I don't have to draw the cork so often."

### Hawkeyeisms.

It wasn't Mayry had the little lam; it was Jimmie that got lammed; May he got shot.

The roof of the New York Central depot fell in a few days after its great builder died. "This was the house that Vanderbilt."

The world is better than it used to be. It has been so long since Christmas that fill the tin horns are lost and the drums broken.

If you haven't time to sprinkle ashes over the ice on your sidewalk, you might go out and sand-paper it; that will roughen it up a little.

The Bulgarian hermit, 112 years old, whose engagement at the Centennial closed last November, was in town yesterday on his way to Omaha, where he owns a faro bank. He got drunk as a lord, and was put off the train for hurrahing for Tilden and trying to bulldoze the brakeman with a stick of wood.

Young woman, there is death in the bay rum bottle. A young lady of Omaha, with an eye to securing a beautiful complexion, was bathing her face and neck in bay rum. It ignited from an adjacent candle, and, in less than two minutes, all the tan, freckles, pimples and blotches were effectually removed from her skin, and the skin was eradicated at the same time. The young lady is now getting along without any complexion.

Prof. Kit Clarke, a reformed missionary, is traveling in Iowa, endeavoring to arouse the people to a sense of the necessity of providing the Fiji Islanders with coats with breast pockets, so that they will have some place to carry their ammunition flask and pocket diary. He says there is no doubt but hundreds of the unfortunate Fijians die of thirst between stations every year, because their clothes are not adapted to the transportation of the common necessities of life. Such is human life. We live in the midst of plenty, surrounded with all the comforts and conveniences of civilization, while these unhappy people, separated from us by the rolling deep, are perishing for the lack of the simplest conveniences.

### Caught at Last.

A North Hill family were terrified recently by discovering that a menagerie of some kind was wintering about the domicile. Terrible noises were heard by day and night, from which it soon became evident that if there was only one animal it must be a catamount. Looking under the house they could see eyes gleaming at them out of the darkness like balls of fire. They stood it as long as they could and then gave notice to all the neighbors that on a certain night they must keep out of their yard, for it would be set full of traps. And it was. There were dead falls, and steel traps, and boxes on figures 4, and spring guns, and guns, until a snowflake couldn't have fallen in that yard without setting something off. Well, they went to sleep, or tried to, and the night wore away without a single infuriated wild weird howl of anguish from the infuriated beast, and they thought that he hadn't been caught, but when they went out in the morning a dead fall was down and under it was a neighbor's pet coon, three months old, and smashed so thin that a Democratic excuse for bull-dozing looked substantial beside it. And now everything is quiet on North Hill.

### A Nebraska Storm.

The fact that Detroiters are long-suffering and kind-hearted was again exemplified yesterday. One of the dozen passengers on a Woodward avenue car suddenly remarked that it was an awful storm, and that he never saw so much snow on the ground before.

"Pooh!" exclaimed a little whiffet of a man in the corner; "this is no storm at all! Why, in Omaha I have seen forty-seven feet of snow on the ground at once!"

"Buried the town, didn't it?" queried the man opposite.

"Of course it buried the town, but that was all right. We dug out the snow and left a crust, as a sort of sky, and in three days we had summer weather down there. Roses bloomed, peach trees blossomed, and the boys went in swimming, the same as in July. Don't talk to me about such storms as this!"

"W-what became of the crust?" gasped a man at the front end of the car.

"It's hanging up there yet!" replied the noble liar, "and the man who doubts my word wants to step off the car for half a minute!"

There that whole dozen men sat as mute as clams, not daring even to wink at each other, or to enter a protest, while the little man branched off anew and began telling that he had seen hail-stones weighing six pounds each.

### A Scientific Fact.

The Boohoological Society seems to have settled the question: "Does a horse mind being clipped in winter time?" by asking: "Does a man mind being stood out over night in his undershirt?" Perhaps, however, where a man does it of his own accord—does it as a matter of preference rather than lie abed and listen to the objurgations of a woman with a set of false teeth, his suffering from the cold is forgotten in the realization of the fact that he is at last alone, enjoying the sweet silence of the night. With horses it's different.


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At 5c cp, Heavy Unbleached Sheeting.
At 12½c, 42 inch Pillow Case Muslin.
At 25c, Heavy 11-4 Sheeting.
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## FINANCIAL.

**Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.**

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, January 22, 1877.

The week closed on an improved financial situation, though not with a perceptibly increased movement in funds, either in the way of collections or discounts. There is but little upon which to build a general forecaste of the future. The demand for loans will probably be increased, owing to the losses suffered recently, but the banks will probably pursue a conservative policy. Still, there has been a recovery of hopefulness and confidence from the depression of a few days since, and the outlook on this basis is evidently improved. The real estate market has shown some improvement, and there is considerable interest in the rent question. Real estate seems likely to show a decided improvement in value and salability this spring.

GOLD AND BANKING IN NEW YORK.

A year ago the lawful money reserve of the banks consisted of specie to the extent of 34.34 per cent., but the specie is now 51.75 per cent. of the whole. If the specie were evenly distributed among the banks, the proportion of net legal-tender reserve shows that it would leave every bank in good condition as to its currency liabilities, which form the bulk of its business, and it would be still better if the specie were all deposited in banks doing no deposit business in currency, or at any rate in banks not under the National Bank act. An inspection of the bank statement, printed at the end of this column, will show how unevenly the gold is distributed, and how some banks, relying upon their legal right to count as reserve an article which is only a special deposit, or even the mere collateral for a loan, allow their true reserve to run down to low proportions. However, although the display of borrowed or specially deposited gold may enable a bank to comply with the letter of the National bank act, it cannot enable gold to perform the functions of currency, so long as gold commands a premium; as was shown in a striking manner yesterday, when foreign corporations, doing business on the specie basis, were obliged to pay high rates of interest upon currency, borrowed against their gold, to meet currency drafts from western markets. This spectacle is, of course, often seen, but seldom attracts much attention, unless the 'carrying rate" of gold is high enough to cause remark; and it is in the natural course of business for a concern whose capital is in specie. But when it occurs with one of our National banks it is out of place; and, therefore, when we hear of a National bank paying to have gold carried over (as high, sometimes, as 1-32 per cent.), we are not surprised to find that its true legal-tender reserve is but a fraction over 18 per cent., although its "lawful money" reserve is nearly three times that figure. Such banks, though lending themselves to the support of the current price of gold, are more directly interested in seeing gold at par with paper than are the banks which habitually keep a strong currency reserve against their currency obligations.—*N. Y. World.*

MAINE SAVINGS BANK LAWS.

The laws of Maine relative to savings banks will probably be radically revised the present winter. Limited deposits from any one person will quite likely be set at $2,000. It is proposed to restrict the semi-annual dividends to 2½ per cent. It is expected that the State tax will be set on deposits at one-half of 1 per cent. per annum, and that the Trustees of each bank will be called upon to set aside every six months one-fourth of 1 per cent. of the whole amount of deposits, as a reserve fund, till it amounts to 5 per cent. of the assets.

COINAGE FOR 1876.

The total coinage of the United States Mints for last year was as follows.

| | Gold. | Silver. | Total. |
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| San Francisco | $42,500,000 | $1,500,000 | $42,500,000 |
| Carson | 2,864,215 | 3,291,380 | 6,155,595 |
| Philadelphia | 11,768,595 | 10,209,359 | 21,977,993 |
| Totals | $56,864,800 | $24,240,680 | $70,328,428 |
| Philadelphia, base coinage | | | 258,490 |
| Grand total for 1876 | | | $71,136,308 |

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

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| Coupons | 106¾ |
| U. S. 6's, 1881, coup | 114½ |
| " 1868 | 109¾ |
| " 1868 new | 110¾ |
| 5-20's 1867 | 111½ |
| RAILWAYS. | |
| N.Y. Central | 104¼ |
| Erie | 16¾ |
| Lake Shore | 74¾ |
| C. C. & I. C. | 84 |
| St. Paul | 18¾ |
| Do. Pref | 34½ |
| Lake Shore | 56¾ |
| Do. Central | 49¾ |
| Northwestern com. | 28¾ |
| Do. Pref | 87¾ |
| Rock Island | 100¼ |
| Cleve. & Pitts | 97½ |
| Pacific Mail | 24¾ |
| Western Union | 75¾ |
| Delaware, L. & W. | 79 |

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| Missouri Pacific | 101½ |
| Pacific preferred | 102 |
| Burlington & Quincy | 117½ |
| Sinking Fund | 95½ |
| Land Grant | 101½ |
| Do. 1st mort. | 110 |
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# HOME NEWS.

**Parties** who do not receive the GAZETTE by 7 A. M., are requested to notify the office, and the tardiness will be corrected at once.

*Rising barometer, winds shifting to colder westerly or northwest, and partly cloudy weather, with possibly occasional rains, are indicated for to-day.*

### Amusements.

C. W. Barry, the character actor, commences an engagement this evening at Library Hall in "Echoes; a Tale of the Past."

At the Opera House Kate Fisher and her trained horse, in "Mazeppa," will constitute the attraction.

### Euclid Avenue Opera House Sold.

On Saturday, at Cleveland, Ohio, the Euclid avenue Opera House, of which Mr. John Elsler was proprietor, was sold at Master Commissioner's sale to A. W. Fairbanks, proprietor of the Cleveland *Herald* property, for $51,000, a little more than one-fourth of its original cost.

### Bricklayers' Wages.

Several days ago a meeting of journeymen bricklayers was held in Allegheny, for the purpose of considering the question of wages to be asked this year. Last season there was but very little work for them, and they received from $2 50 to $3.00 per day. The matter was discussed, and finally a motion was adopted that three dollars per day be asked this year, and that the contractors and builders be notified of their action. The meeting then adjourned.

### Chief Hartzell Back.

Yesterday morning Chief of Police Hartzell arrived safely in the city from a trip to New York City, where he had gone to get Julius Streng, charged before the Mayor by Mr. Julius Prager, with larceny. The prisoner was safely lodged in jail here. The Chief says that he was very kindly treated in New York by the police authorities, who had not forgotten the kindness shown by the Chief in arresting the notorious bank robber Mason for them some time ago.

### Raising Fallen Women.

At the conclusion of the address of Rev. Dr. Pearson last night, in the Arch street Presbyterian church, Allegheny, it was announced that the ladies about to enter upon the work of assisting fallen women to better lives than they are now leading, had decided that no organization was necessary, but that a prayer meeting would be held at three o'clock every afternoon in the Smithfield street M. E. church, after which women who desire assistance in their efforts to reform will, on application, be provided with work, and given all the aid that can be furnished.

### A Desperate Small-pox Case.

A man named Michael Conners, who has been living in a house in Singer's Row on the South Side, below the Monongahela Suspension bridge, some days ago became afflicted with small-pox. He seems to have had no friends to take care of him, neither was his case reported to the officers of the Board of Health. On Saturday night while in a delirious condition he dressed himself, went out, and commenced walking up and down Carson street, to the terror of the neighbors. A police officer tried to induce him to go in but without avail. As he was a powerful man force was out of the question, so Health Officer Fording, of the Sout Side, was called and finally induced him to go into Coyle & Co.'s lumber yard office where he was watched all night by Mr. Fording and yesterday morning he was removed to the city hospital.

### THE ORTWEIN REWARD.

**Report of the Commissioner—Division of the Money—The Award Final.**

The commissioner or referee appointed to distribute the reward of two thousand dollars offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of the Hamnet family made his report Saturday. There were over a dozen claimants for the money, but, as will be seen, Mr. Hasbrouck has divided the fund, after deducting the costs and expenses, among four, giving one-half and the others one-eighth each. A great mass of testimony, five hundred folios in all, was taken by the referee, and is filed with his report. Mr. Hasbrouck, in his report, sums up the services of each of the dozen men. The costs in the case amounted to $332, including a fee of $170 for the referee, and $135 for a stenographic reporter. This sum was taken from the reward, leaving $1,668 to be distributed. The distribution is made as follows:

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| John P. Wacker (one-half) | ..... | $834 00 |
| Phillip Schuer (one-eighth) | ..... | 208 50 |
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Concerning the claim of John W. Quirk, who was at the time of the arrest a member of the Allegheny police force, Mr. Hasbrouck says that the fact of his being an officer, and that he was called upon by a citizen to make the arrest, debars him from any interest in the reward. This reward, the referee says, was not offered to police officers, whose duty it was to attempt to discover and arrest the criminal without hope of reward. The claimant died soon after the arrest was made, but his claim was contested by his administrator.

### DIOCESAN TROUBLES.

**Father Sheehan Appeals to the Propaganda at Rome.**

A meeting was held at Emerald Hall last evening to devise ways and means for defraying the expenses of Rev. Father Sheehan to Rome. It appears that the Rev. Father, who was a Priest in good standing in this diocese, some years since left, and went to New Orleans, where he remained a few years, and returning two years since, asked Bishop Domenec for a charge. The Bishop for some cause postponed the matter until after the diocese was divided, and he then referred Father Sheehan to Bishop Tuigg, telling him that he belonged to the diocese of Pittsburgh. When he applied to Bishop Tuigg that dignitary informed him that he was a foreigner and did not belong to his diocese. Father Sheehan then appealed to Arch bishop Wood, who has charge of this province, but as his power is limited his decision would not be final, nor would it be of any binding force on the Bishop here. The Reverend Father proposes to appeal to the Propaganda at Rome. The meeting organized by calling Mr. Clark to the chair, after which Father Sheehan was called upon to state his case, and the substance of his statement is given above. It was decided that the reverend gentleman should give a lecture at Library Hall Sunday evening, February 11th, to raise funds to defray his expenses. The lecture will doubtless treat of the troubles of the lecturer, and as he is one of the most learned and thoroughly posted among the Catholic clergy, it will doubtless be very entertaining.

### THE TELEGRAPH WAR.

**The Western Union and Atlantic and Pacific Companies at Loggerheads—The Destruction of Seven Miles of Wire in the Oil Regions.**

Information was received at the office of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company in this city that gangs of men had been organized under the direction of the Western Union Company for the purpose of destroying certain lines of telegraph in the oil regions. It appears that under arrangement made several years since between the Western Union and Pacific and Atlantic Companies the former company got control of and was operating, under a lease, the lines of the Merchants National Telegraph Company, which extend through the oil country, which lease is about to expire, and the lines go into the hands of the Atlantic and Pacific Company. The Western Union Company, rather than see the opposition company get control of the lines, it is said, determined to destroy them. The officers of the Atlantic and Pacific Company in this city at once made application for an injunction to stop them from the proposed destruction of the lines, and an injunction was granted by Judge Ewing, in chambers, at half-past six o'clock on Saturday evening. Messengers were sent out by train with copies of the paper to all points that could be reached by rail, and copies were telegraphed to all points that could be reached. At one point it is stated the polls had been cut down, and the wires destroyed for seven miles before the messenger overtook the men at work. The wires between Franklin and Oil City were destroyed. The work of destruction was begun late Saturday night, and it is not known yet what damage other than that reported has been done. There promises to be extensive litigation in regard to the matter, and as there are of course two sides to the case, we cannot give an opinion concerning it until we hear both.

### Look Ahead.

The prospects for the "good time coming" are daily brightening, and with this consummation must come the erection and enlargement of business establishments, and in this line the Messrs. Riter & Conley, of No. 55 and 56 Water street, are acknowledged second to none in the manufacture and erection of iron mill buildings, roof frames, bridges, boilers, oil tanks, blast furnaces, and all kinds of heavy iron plate work. These gentlemen have had years of experience in the business, have every facility for execution of elegant and substantial workmanship, employ the most skillful and reliable workmen, which, added to the use of honest material, enable them to render the fullest measure of satisfaction to those who have occasion to require their services. Prices moderate and terms easy.

**The Extra Sodas** manufactured by S. S. Marvin & Co. are of very superior quality.

### BROTHER MURPHY.

**What He and His Cohorts Did Last Night—The Library Hall Meeting—Eloquent Addresses by Messrs. Swartzwelder, Realf, Murphy and Others—Echoes from the Skirmish Line.**

Library Hall last night was literally jammed. If the tickets were five dollars instead of twenty-five cents the Hall would no doubt be crowded just as terribly as it is now. The Why is the standing enigma with those who do not go, and, possibly, to many who do attend; but still the fact remains the same whether explainable or not.

The usual religious exercises were held before the regular temperance performance was commenced.

Col. Realf was the first speaker introduced. He referred to a remark of David Hall that "things are not equally divided in this world," and concurred in the opinion. He then proceeded to give an eloquent exposition of the axiom, recounting the differences existing between the classes constituting the social life of the world. But this unequal distribution of wealth, education and intelligence is not without acuering good. It gives the intelligent an opportunity to lift up the ignorant; it gives the wealthy an opportunity to help the poor; it gives the sober man a chance to help and hold up the drunken; it gives an opportunity for the exercise of those qualities which are considered such an important part of the human mind, and for ascertaining the fulfillment of the divine saying, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." No one of us it is true can bring society into forms and moulds to suit ourselves, but we can work on the better sides of character and lift degradation if not to our plane at least to an infinitely higher level than that on which it now moves. However unequally things may be divided in this world, we can obey the injunction of Him, who bids us be pure, be honorable, be true, be virtuous and love Me. The Colonel's remarks were exceedingly eloquent, and met with frequent spontaneous bursts of applause from the vast audience.

Mr. Joseph S. Dilworth was next introduced. He said he had no intention of speaking, and felt much like taking the advice of a Sunday school scholar to a prosy speaker, to "say amen and sit down." Yet he was willing to sacrifice his personal feelings in that regard if by anything he could say he could aid the cause of Mr. Murphy; a work in which he had been interested for years; that of lifting up fallen humanity; in helping those who are fighting against the terrible temptation of drink. He related several instances of men who had come to him for work, and the saying of one that he felt stronger than he ever did before, because he had God in his heart. It was faith in Mr. Murphy's movement that made him more confident of permanent good resulting from it.

Mr. Swartzwelder was introduced by Mr. Murphy with the statement that he looked like Kaiser Williams, who he made such a stir in Paris a short time ago. Mr. Swartzwelder retorted by asking Mr. Murphy how near to the blarney stone he was born. Mr. M. replied not far away from it, but he never touched it in his life.

Mr. Swartzwelder said that although he had for years been accustomed to public speaking, yet he acknowledged that in facing the 3,000 pairs of eyes in the audience, he felt some trepidation, because he feared that more might be expected of him than he could accomplish. Yet not for that reason would he refuse to do what he could. The movement, he said, is a wonderful one; it is shaking down and gathering the already ripe fruit, that had been ready for the harvest these many days. It is not all the work, possibly, of the successful leader, Mr. Murphy, yet in certain way it is. As Franklin, by his experiments, discovered the way to draw down the lightning, and by further experimentst to preserve property by conducting the devastating fluid harmlessly to the earth, so Mr. Murphy has struck an electric spark that is thrilling the community.

Mr. Swartzwelder then proceeded to give a number of figures to show the actual good done by the movement. He found that the number of workhouse commitments since the work commenced has been 654, being 613 less than last year. The jail commitments during the same time were 722, being 1,000 less than the same time last year. It is true that during hard times the number of commitments to the workhouse for drunkenness and disorderly conduct decreases, but, as Superintendent Cordier says, the number of graver crimes, such as murder, burglary, robbery, &c., increases. Still the great reduction in commitments this year must be largely attributed to Mr. Murphy's influence, as the times were not as hard as at each of the two dozen men. The costs in the case amounted to $332, including a fee of $170 for the referee, and $135 for a stenographic reporter. This sum was taken from the reward, leaving $1,668 to be distributed. The distribution is made as follows:

great love that he possesses and exercises. Mr. Swartzwelder next gave a vivid description of the force of habit—how, when it is forming, it is like the tender tendril of the vine as in the spring it reaches out for a twig to entwine; yet, when it is formed, it is as hard, as immovable, as is that same hardened tendril in fall, which clasps with a hand of iron the supporting limb. It is no use for any one to say that he has has no fears that he will ever need the restraining influence of a moral obligation not to drink, that he can create abstinence may insist that he has no need of a guardian such as Mr. Murphy. But he might as well say that he can drink poison without harm, because he contains within him an antidote. The habit of drinking will finally become so strong that it cannot be overcome.

The eloquent lawyer's remarks were quite lengthy, but the audience would have listened to him with pleasure if he had spoken twice as long.

Mr. Campbell was the first speaker introduced under the five minute rule. He said that he had before taken stronger pledges than this of Mr. Murphy's, stronger at least, he thought, in the mere wording; but there is something else in this pledge that means more, and is more powerful than all other pledges. The man who takes it simply promises to quit drinking, yet somehow or other so soon as a man signs his signature, he suddenly stops swearing, and other bad practices as well. It is God in the movement that makes it so powerful.

Mr. Eccles Robinson followed. He said he had frequently been asked what is in this pledge that binds to keep it; and others say that they will wait until they find out if it will last before they take part. The speaker thought that in view of the good done, being done, and to be done, it was no time for people to stand back and ask questions. God is in the movement, and it will go on in spite of the objectors.

Mr. Mike Lanigan said it could not be expected of him coming out of a boiler shop to say much, but he proceeded to advise moderate drinkers and drinkers of all kinds to take the advice of [illegible] who was acquainted with the b[illegible] all its branches, and sign the pled[illegible]

Mr. Dave Hall next showed h[illegible] the audience. He was greeted wit[illegible] mous applause, although he said [illegible] was and never would be able to [illegible] speech. He said he had been frequ[illegible] asked by people if he *thought* he w[illegible] keep the pledge. Why, the idea is ridi[illegible]lous. All that he has got to say about [illegible] is for the people who wonder if he wi[illegible] keep the pledge, to come forward and sign it and not break it until he does. He believed Mr. Murphy would take them on probation that long. [(Mr. Murphy—I will, brother David.)] He then spoke of some "conundrums" published in Sunday paper (the *Globe*), and said that so far as Frank X. Burns was concerned he could vouch for him that he got no salary, and none of the money contributed.

Frank X. Burns himself followed and related how he had gotten away with his money. He said that he had no regrets for the lost fortune, further than that he had made such a fool of himself. But he believed he learned wisdom by the loss; at least he could say that no newspaper paragraphs would ever drive him to break the pledge.

M. J. C. Weir delivered a speech that went over five minutes.

Mr. William Hill, "Sweet William," kept the audience in a laugh from the time he got up until he sat down. He said that really he felt a tremor in getting up before such an audience—he did really, even if he had an unbounded amount of "cheek." He confessed that he had need of the sympathy of the audience to brace himself up, since he could no longer do it by taking a smile. He felt proud of the audience, and wanted to know if they couldn't say the name of Ulia. He took his seat amid a perfect storm of laughter.

Mr. Murphy said that he wished to state that he had never been asked either by Mr. Gotthold or Mr. Canning to appear on the stage of either the Opera House or Library Hall. He supposed that both gentlemen being men of sense, knew it would be useless to do so. He also wished to repeat that he had no connection with the *Ensign*, but he wanted it understood also that while having no pecuniary or any other connection with it, he wished the paper God speed.

Mr. W. C. Moreland was the last speaker introduced, but only said a few words, as the hour was late.

The meeting adjourned about ten o'clock, quite a number of additional signers of the pledge having been obtained.

ON WOOD STREET.

In the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street, there was a Gospel temperance meeting held last night. The Rev. Scovel opened the meeting by reading the fifteenth chapter of Luke, Mr. Spencer leading in prayer. Dr. Scovel then said that he believed the temperance movement now in progress is the work of that chapter. He explained the reasons why he had such heartfelt sympathy for the temperance movement now in progress. First, because the love of God is the foremost thought. He is no Christ-like, stooping to pick up the very lowest and most debased, and extending to them a helping hand in not only supplying their temporal wants, but also in looking after their spiritual welfare. And in the second place, it was doing a grand work not only for the people at large, but for the churches also. And church members should not only give their presence, but should give material aid to the cause, and, if necessary, offer their houses to the most deserving ones of the reformed who have no homes of their own. He also urged all to sign the pledge from the age of twelve years and upward. He had signed when only eight years old, and had stood steadfast.

After singing a hymn Gilbert McMasters, Esq., was called on and addressed the meeting. He said the spot on which he stood was a holy one to him and endeared by many ties of former years. He remembered of a temperance meeting held in the former building (which occupied the site of the present one) when total abstinence was not preached and when it was thought no sin to drink wine or cider, and when only two ministers would even go so far as to advocate the movement—they were Dr. Herron and Rev. Williams. In all their meetings of several nights they only got 48 signers, and thought they had done well. But the present movement is one of total abstinence and many thousands are now signing the pledge, and all the ministers are willing to lend a helping hand. As the platform of the pledge is large and broad enough for all classes and conditions to stand upon, and people of all denominations and political parties can sign the pledge without violating any prejudice or vow that might stand in the way. To-night he could say that many hundreds of happy families were rejoicing over reclaimed fathers and sons, who a few short weeks ago were mourning in tears and living in fear, and the good could only be summed up when the great day of the final trial took place. When all the acts of our lives should be laid bare before the world.

Mr. A. Bell then offered up prayer. After singing, Wm. K. Jennings, Esq., spoke and said that he could see nothing about total abstinence in the Bible, but felt sure that it was the only safe guard by the help of God against becoming a drunkard. He thought moderate drinkers were setting a bad example, as some were moderate drinkers who only drank two glasses a day while others could be called moderate, who drank six bottles, because that amount would not make them drunk.

Mr. Robert Orr commented on the parable of the Prodigal Son, and said there were four points to be considered. First, That he wandered off into a far country and spent all his living, and compared it with the wanderers of the present day whom we find amongst us homeless and penniless ones, most of whom have loving parents and good homes to go to. Second, All those out of employment and out of money and no place for them to earn a living in and who are forced to beg or steal. Third, Those who have lost caste by doing menial work or that they think is such, having to dig and shovel, in place of handling the pen or filling places of profit and trust. And fourth place, how they may return—by simply acknowledging their sins and returning to their Father's house, and how they should be received as the parable says, with joy and feasting, and not with sour looks and unkind words, bidding them to depart as unworthy to be trusted or loved again.

Mr. James Laughlin read in prayer, and the the congregation then arose and sang a hymn and all were requested to come forward and sign the pledge. A large number responded.

OUT THE AVENUE.

A temperance meeting was held at the Fifth avenue M. E. church at the foot of Magee street, last evening. The church was crowded. Col. Realf and others made addresses, and several signed the pledge. Another meeting will be held in this church on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Murphy and others have promised to be present.

A large and crowded temperance meeting was held in the Oakland M. E. church, Rev. A. B. Coatte, pastor, last evening. The church was crowded. The meeting was presided over by the pastor, who opened it with the usual exercises, and introduced Mrs. Russell, of Chicago, who occupied the attention of the audience very closely for over an hour. Her address was very eloquent. The points out by those who had not already signed the pledge the necessity of doing so without delay. It was a step they never would regret, and it would show their manhood. The speaker referred to the noble work that had been done in Beaver county, and especially at Bridgeport, and also to Mr. Murphy's converts who had taken up the cross and were going out night after night trying to save these poor drinking men.

Mr. E. K. Graves, Wm. Jackson and Dr. King also addressed the meeting. Forty signed the pledge. Another meeting will be held this evening when Dr. Durant and others will make addresses.

FAIR HAVEN.

On Saturday evening a large and enthusiastic and large assembly met in the Fair Haven school house, on the Castle Shannon Railroad, to hear some of Murphy's converts. The officers of the railroad sent a special train from Castle Shannon, and on its arrival the school house was jammed with friends and converts. The meeting was led by Mr. George Harris, and the meeting by Gilbert M. McMaster, Esq. The meeting was opened with the usual exercises, and the choir led by J. W. Hazlett made a very fervent prayer.

Gilbert M. McMasters, Esq., made an earnest appeal to all present to connect themselves with this movement, and hoped that none of the strangers present would go away without signing the pledge. He was glad to see so many happy faces present, but he felt sure that if they took one of these pledges away with them and kept it the next time he met them they would be much more happy than they were then.

Henry Chadwick was the first speaker called, and said that he had been using liquor for twenty years, but he thought he see now the necessity of it. It only ruined a man and lost him the confidence of his friends.

George Harris had never been a drinking man, but had signed the pledge eight weeks ago, and felt better for having done so. He wanted all young men who took their one or two glasses a day to follow his example, and if they did so they would be as happy as he was. It would save them much trouble hereafter.

Richard Ennis had signed the pledge three weeks ago, had no reason to regret it. Previous to signing it he had spent a great deal of money upon strong drinks, and while only a young man had drank considerable. His previous life had been a misery to him on account of drink.

Mark F. Wilson began to drink at a very early age, he had commenced as a monerate drinker, but it had grown upon him until he drank so hard that it lost him the confidence of relations and friends, and his situations, and at last caused him to tramp the country. He had now signed the pledge and it was a happy day for him when he did so.

William Jackson had signed the pledge seven weeks ago, and felt a different man ever since. Previous to signing he had drank a great deal, and had caused himself and family much trouble and anxiety by drinking, but he thanked God he was [illegible] from this [illegible] kindness in entertaining them in the liberal manner they did.

Another meeting will be held in the M. E. Church, Elizabeth, on Tuesday evening.

BEAVER COUNTY.

A large Murphy temperance meeting was held by Messrs. E. H. Dunbar, Stringer, Wade, Taylor, Duncan, and Captain J. H. Elliott, (all Mr. Murphy's converts,) at Rochester, on Friday night. The house was crowded. The above converts made good addresses, and sixty signed the pledge. The good people of Beaver county are so pleased with them that they will not let them leave, and they have consented to remain next week. The boys have done well, having obtained over 1,300 signatures to the pledge the past week, and hope to be able to more than double the number the coming week.

Mark F. Wilson held a Murphy temperance meeting at Industry on Friday evening. It was well attended, and a number signed the pledge.

The regular Murphy overflow meetings will be held in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, on Sixth avenue, between Wood and Smithfield streets, every night this week. This evening Marshall Swartzwelder, Esq., Captain John Elliott, Frank X. Burns, Captain Ed. Timoney, and others, will be present and make addresses.

### THE NEW POSTOFFICE.

**Opinion of Judge Sterrett in the Case of Darlington vs. the United States—The Exceptions to the Petition Dismissed, and Viewers Appointed.**

In the matter of Darlington and wife vs. the United States, exceptions filed and the petition of the United States District Attorney for the appointment of viewers to fix a value upon the property of B. Darlington and wife, on the site selected by the Government, at Fourth avenue and Smithfield street, on which to erect new public buildings, argued in Common Pleas No. 1 a few days since, Judge Sterrett, on Saturday, delivered an opinion, dismissing the exceptions, and appointing viewers. Following is a synopsis of the opinion:

On the 6th of January, instant, United States District Attorney McCormick presented a petition setting forth that under the act of Congress, entitled "An act to purchase a site for public buildings in Pittsburgh," approved March 3, 1873, the Fourth avenue site has been selected, a portion of which site, by proceedings in this Court, has already been condemned and the value ascertained by viewers, whose report has been confirmed and received the acquiescence of the viewers; that the residue of the site being a lot fronting 120 feet on the avenue extending back, preserving the same width, 172 feet to Third avenue, belongs to Wm. M. Darlington and wife; that the District Attorney, acting under instructions of the Attorney General and Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, endeavored to agree with said owners for the purchase of their lot, and was unable to do so, and praying the Court to appoint viewers. Exceptions were filed by Wm. M. Darlington and wife, and further action was postponed until the exceptions were disposed of.

[1]One of the exceptions denies the right of the Government to condemn the property under the act of Congress and several of the others, in various forms deny the jurisdiction of this Court, and assert that the courts of the United States have exclusive jurisdiction of the subject. The Supreme Court of the State has passed upon these questions, in its opinion last fall. "The condemnation," it says, "in case of a failure to purchase, shall be in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Pennsylvania." In affirming the right of the United States to come into the State Court, the next inquiry was whether the Government, in the case of Darlington and wife vs. United States, had proceeded according to law, and the command [illegible] was done in two essential particulars, it had not. The Government had not selected a site before proceedings to condemn were instituted. On the contrary, it suspended the proceedings to condemn four different sites had been commenced with the view of selecting one out of the four. It was held that this could not be done; that while the act of Congress authorized the selection of one site, the jury (after failure to agree with the owners) proceedings to condemn, etc., it did not create a roving commission to experiment upon the values of different sites.

In the second place there is no averment that any attempt had been made to agree with the owners of the property, nor any reason given for not making such an attempt. The court held that inasmuch as the act of Congress required, before condemnation, in case of failure to purchase, shall be in pursuance of the statutes of Pennsylvania, and these require that there shall be an effort and failure to agree with the owners, and failure to appoint viewers, the petition in that case was fatally defective in not containing these necessary averments. It was for the want of these pre-requisites, and not for lack of jurisdiction, that the court in that case dismissed the proceedings in the court below were set aside.

The eighth exception in this proceeding is that it does not appear by the petition that the United States tried to agree with the owners. This was a *lapsus pennae* and the petition was allowed to be amended.

The ninth and tenth exceptions allege that no *bona fide* effort has been made by the agent representing the United States to endeavor to agree with exceptants, and that District Attorney McCormick has no authority to negotiate with them for the purchase of property, nor is the proper compensation to be paid them. Testimony was taken on the questions of fact raised by these exceptions and the Court is of opinion that the allegations of the petition are sustained.

The only exception, that there is not sufficient remaining of the amount appropriated by Congress, is not sustained. It assumes what, at present, the Court has no means of knowing; and it is not to be presumed that the Government will, if it has not already done so, all that will be required to pay such compensation as exceptants may appear to be entitled to. Without such compensation paid or secured their land cannot be taken.

The only exception in its substance that the provisions of the act of Congress have not been complied with by the State of Pennsylvania, in that the State has not relinquished its jurisdiction over the property sought to be acquired, nor exempted it from taxation, and therefore the proceedings are unauthorized and premature. The exception, the Court says, appears to be founded on a misapprehension of the facts. The fourth section of the act of April 2, 1873, declares that "the jurisdic[illegible]vania, is and [illegible] purchased by [illegible] the same is [illegible] States," and [illegible] same from [illegible] charges levied [illegible]te, "so long [illegible] remain the [illegible] substance, [illegible]congress, re[illegible]d relinquish [illegible]exempt [illegible] to be here[illegible]xation, &c., [illegible]he Secreta[illegible] State con[illegible]he land no [illegible]emn prop[illegible]says, falls [illegible] The pro[illegible] Supreme [illegible]t of April [illegible]ed all the [illegible] following [illegible]Hallman, [illegible] James [illegible] Ammon [illegible] the Con[illegible] and duly have ar[illegible] home from their wedding tour.

***General Phil Sheridan and wife passed through the city Saturday on their way West.

***Commodore George R. Cochran, the lawyer, is studying for a Freshman at the Edgar Thomson steel works.

### A Sound Company.

We desire to direct attention to the statement in another column of the Pennsylvania Insurance Company. This is one among the safe and sound companies doing business in this city. The statement shows the company to be in a prosperous condition financially, which is the best evidence persons seeking insurance can have of safety. We have no hesitancy in recommending the Pennsylvania Insurance Company as a sound, reliable and safe company.

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### THE COURT RECORD.

**Proceedings in the Several Courts Saturday.**

**U. S. District Court.**

JUDGE KETCHAM.

John D. Carlisle, debtor, Pittsburgh. The resolution of composition ordered to be recorded, and the statement of assets and debts to be filed.

Fred Fette, bankrupt, Warren county. An order confirming absolutely the assignee's report of the sale of certain real estate.

Ault & Crawford, bankrupts, McKean, county. An order referring back to Register Woodruff the assignee's account

John M. Turker, bankrupt, Luzerne county. Order for the sale of real estate.

James R. Curtis and James H. Brown, of Luzerne county, were discharged from bankruptcy.

James Orr Allen, hotel-keeper, Pittsburgh, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

Evart, Blackston & Co., debtors. John A. Evart, John Blackston, John W. Wallace and D. W. Roy were adjudged bankrupts.

Rogers, Burchfield & Co., bankrupts. The return day of the rule to show cause why schedule should not be amended extended to the 3d prox.

**U. S. Circuit Court.**

JUDGE MCKENNAN.

Dudley vs. Oil Creek & Allegheny River Railroad. Exceptions to Master's report argued. Decision reserved.

Householder vs. Towboat Bengal Tiger. Decree rendered for plaintiff for $4,872.57.

**Common Pleas No. 1.**

JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

S. S. Brown vs. the owners of the steamer Wild Duck. Verdict for defendant.

Voluntary assignment of Joseph Mittleberger vs. Simon Kaufman. J. W. Over, Esq., appointed auditor to pass upon exceptions filed to Assignee's account, and distribute funds in his hands.

Negley & Scott vs. Thos. Mellon. J. W. Hall, Esq., appointed examiner.

Martha Matthews vs. Joseph Matthews. W. W. Paxon, Esq., appointed commissioner.

James Karnes, administrator, vs. William V. Evans et al. J. F. Slagle, Esq., appointed Master *vice* William Owens, deceased.

A. & M. Morgan et al. vs. First National Bank et al. Malcolm Hay, Esq., appointed Master.

Andrew Jackman vs. Margaret Jackman; libel in divorce. Subpœna awarded.

H. L. Hus vs. Mary T. Harkins; libel in divorce. Subpœna awarded.

Commonwealth *ex rel.* vs. John McAleer. Return of inquisition finding defendant a lunatic, ordered to be filed, and C. Snively, Esq., appointed committee.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Brown vs. School District of North Versailles.

Hoag vs. Richardson.
Ritchman vs. Patterson.
Rynd vs. Herron et al.
McNeal & Sons vs. Pittsburgh Gas Co.
Loveridge vs. Bidwell.
Rurke vs. Scully.
Trauerman vs. Brewers' Insurance Co.
Same vs. National Insurance Co.
Jennings vs. Nellis & Co.
Trauerman vs. Humboldt Insurance Co.
Stalzenbach vs. Neall et al.
Trauerman vs. Peoria Insurance Co.
Fitzgerald et al. vs. Wallace et al.
Swartz et al. vs. Allender.
Church vs. New Jersey Insurance Co.

**Common Pleas No. 2.**

JUDGES EWING, KIRKPATRICK AND WHITE.

Voluntary assignment of Thos. H. Patterson to M. G. Clark. Bond of assignee approved and filed.

In the divorce case of James Dobbins vs. Bridget Dobbins, defendant was granted a trial by jury.

Abram Reese vs. Geo. Porter et al. W. C. Moreland, Esq., appointed master.

John R. McCune, trustee, vs. A. D. Miller, Esq., Lutheran appointed auditor to distribute moneys.

John Kennedy et al. vs. John Stoffi. Order of Court for judgment against garnishee.

Mary McConnell filed a petition for a divorce from her husband, Francis McConnell. Subpœna awarded.

Kauffeldt et al. vs. South Side Passenger Railroad Company. Motion for a new trial by plaintiff.

Voluntary assignment of Dierker & Thompson. John S. Robb, Esq., appointed auditor.

Joseph Winch vs. Robert B. Phillips, administrator of the estate of Wm. Phillips, deceased. Petition of Sarah Winch, setting forth the death of Joseph Winch, and asking that the Court direct defendant to apply to the Orphans' Court for the sale of the real estate of the defendant, Wm. Phillips) for the payment of the debts of said estate. Rule granted on defendant to show cause why such an order should not be made.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Wilson & Bros. vs. Allegheny Trust Co.
Bost vs. Busch.
City of Pittsburgh vs. Patterson.
Hawiser vs. Kellemeyer et ux.
Hare vs. Darlington.
Haas vs. Seitz.
Shields & Co. vs. Wm. Bowers et al.
Streight vs. Schmidt.
Marshall, guardian, vs. Marshall.
Martin, widow, et al. vs. P. R. R. Co.
Vandergrift et al. vs. Lightbill et al.
Shoe and Leather Bank vs. Palmer, Jr.

**Orphans' Court.**

JUDGE HAWKINS.

Philip Kuhns, minor. Adam Frauz appointed guardian.

Henry Freidel, deceased. Widow's appraisement presented and approved *nisi*.

Philip Bigley, deceased. Peter Bolster administrator, substituted for Barbara Bigley, deceased.

Daniel Spears, deceased. Citation directed to issue to Samuel George, executor, to show cause why he should not file an account.

Isaac Williams, deceased, in partition. Partition of certain premises decreed and Wm. Huey, Wm. Nixon and H. B. Long appointed commissioners to make the division.

Sarah Snodgrass, deceased. Mrs. E. S. Craise discharged as trustee, at her own petition, and David K. Calhoun appointed in her stead.

John Dingle, deceased. Widow's appraisement presented and approved *nisi*.

**Criminal Court.**

JUDGE STOWE.

Daniel Wagner, convicted of an assault with intent to rob, and an assault with intent to commit larceny from the person, was sentenced eight months to the workhouse.

Josephus Fortner, convicted of larceny, sentenced four months to the workhouse.

Marcy Brown, who pleaded guilty of simple assault and battery, sentenced to pay a fine of $15 and costs and undergo twenty days' imprisonment in jail.

Milton Barnett, convicted of fraudulently making a written instrument, one year and three months to the Penitentiary.

Dietrick Kentz, convicted of assault and battery, four months to the workhouse.

Larry Gilday and John Finn, convicted of simple assault and battery, were sentenced to the Work House three months each.

Rosella Turnbull for forgery was sentenced ten months to the Work House.

J. B. Miller, who pleaded guilty to simple assault and battery, was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and costs.

John Waxter, alias Reddy Waxter, convicted of misdemeanor in unlawful cutting and wounding, was sentenced to pay a fine of $15 and costs and undergo ten days' imprisonment in jail.

Jas. Shields, convicted of larceny, was sentenced 24 hours to jail.

Michael Breiendorfer, convicted of larceny, was sent to the House of Refuge.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs.

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| Daniel Maginnis, | Michael Dunn, |
| Andy Mimm, | John Anderson, |
| M. Marshall, | Sam. Watkins, |
| John Kelly, | Martha Reiley, |
| G. C. Martin, | James Cassidy, |
| Frank McCabe, | H. Burkhardt Barcother, |
| D. P. Bonar et al., | Eli Myers et al., |
| A. Jenkins, Jr., | M. A. Gibben, |
| Francis McCall, | Louis Hanney, |
| Wm. Graham, | W. W. Philips, |
| Shorty McConnell, | Henry Willard, |
| Paddy Mehan, | W. W. Bostwick, |
| Julius Streng, | Wm. Bracken. |

**Legal Notes.**

ANDREW JACKSON alleges that his wife, Margaret, makes life burdensome to him, and his petition for a separation was filed in Common Pleas No. 1, Saturday.

THE petition of Mary McConnell for a divorce from her husband Frank, was presented in Common Pleas No. 2, Saturday. Subpœna issued on the grounds assigned for separation.

THE jurors in the breach of promise case of Miller vs. Saint were of greatly diversified opinions. One was of opinion that the plaintiff should have $7,000, four others brought $5,000 each, three were willing to compromise on $500, and four held out for six cents.

FRITZ GRAEBEL, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Edward Finch, was sentenced on Saturday to the Penitentiary for two years and six months. His counsel had made no motion for a new trial, and it is stated that sentence was passed thus early at the request of the prisoner. He was greatly affected while in the court room, and wept bitterly as the sentence was being imposed.

**The** usual meeting of the U. S. Board of Engineers for Fortifications will take place in Washington, New York harbor, to-day. The engineer, Gen. Newton, may justly be proud of a great triumph in engineering science. But a small general triumph has recently been achieved by Dr. Sanford's Liniment, which is absolutely perfect in its results. In many instances it has been used by frequent callers, namely R. P. Robbins's Tooth Soap.

**The Grand Central Hotel**, New York, offers its 600 rooms on the "new specie basis, at $2.50 and $3.00 per day.

### BREVITIES.

····The Bliss fund in this city now amounts to $323.44.

····There are forty-five applicants for the position of Fire Marshal.

····A man named Scott was robbed of a revolver at the "Point" fair on Saturday night.

····Nothing is yet known of the whereabouts of Matson, the defaulting cashier of Gildenfenny & Co.

····The warm weather of Friday and the rain of Friday night raised the rivers a little, but not enough to do any damage.

····Three prisoners from Clearfield and an equal number from Huntingdon county were lodged in the Penitentiary on Saturday.

····On Friday last C. M. Payne sold a one-fourth interest in the Sutton oil farm, Bullion territory, to G. H. Nesbit for $12,000.

····The little ice gorge in the Allegheny river, above the railroad bridge, broke on Saturday afternoon and passed out, doing no damage.

····A book entitled "Dream Life," a handkerchief and a scarf, all supposed to have been stolen, are at the Allegheny Mayor's office.

····A Republican suggestion meeting will be held in the Fifth ward school house, Allegheny, this evening at 7 o'clock, to place in nomination Mayor and ward officers.

····The Allegheny Democrats will hold a convention this evening in the Select Council chamber to nominate a candidate for Mayor. The primaries (?) were held on Saturday.

····The other night Edward Sweeney was attacked at the corner of Beaver avenue and Washington street, Allegheny, by two men who attempted to rob him, and who cut him on the right breast.

·····Samuel Williams, arrested in Allegheny a few days since for passing counterfeit coin, had a hearing before Commissioner McCandless Saturday, and in default